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1. The airfield located at Pruszcz (Praust), about seven kilometers south of Gdansk, is bounded to the north by a road going from Pruszcz eastward to the Vistula River, to the west by the Gdansk-Tczew railroad, and to the south and east by the open fields and meadows of the Great Lowlands of Malbork (Wielkie Zulawy Malborskie). There are no forests nearby, but the surrounding farm areas are densely covered with gardens of various sizes, which contain trees. The airfield measures about 850 meters from east to west, and about 1,250 meters from north to south. It is surfaced partially with concrete and partially with hard beaten earth. There are two concrete runways, each about 40 meters in width; they intersect near the center of the airfield at a forty-five degree angle. In the northeast corner of the airfield, and parallel to the eastern boundary, there were four hangars; in the northwest corner, barracks and administration buildings. During the war, all buildings and hangars were totally destroyed, and the runways and part of the surface of the field were heavily damaged.
2. In 1951, the 18th SP Brigade, together with a small group of pioneers, began removing the rubble and laying the groundwork for reconstruction of the airfield. At present, several companies of the 34th SP Brigade, along with a pioneer group of at least 100 men, are engaged in reconstructing the airfield; altogether, about 400 men are employed there. To date, the following tasks have been performed, or are being performed (numbers in parentheses refer to the attached sketch):
 - a. Construction of two hangars (5) in the northeast corner of the airfield has been completed.
 - b. Construction of twelve wooden barracks (4) along the northern boundary is in progress; these will house troops and stores.

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- c. Reconstruction of a brick building (2) in the northwest corner of the field has been completed; this will probably serve as the administration building.
 - d. The surface of the airfield is being rebuilt.
 - e. Reconstruction of both runways has been completed.
 - f. Installation below the concrete surface of small iron tanks (3) for storage of liquid fuel is in progress; so far, four or five tanks have already been installed, while three tanks are standing on the surface, waiting to be installed. These tanks are located along the western boundary, close to the administration building, at a point almost opposite the Pruszcz railroad station (1) and at the junction point of a railroad branch line going to Juszkowo (Gischkau - Q 55/Y 41).
 - g. Along the southern boundary, construction has begun on four wooden barracks (8), similar to those on the northern boundary.
3. Temporary railway tracks (7) have been laid on the airfield, going from the northwest corner to the center of the airfield; at the latter location, a pit (6), measuring about seven meters in depth and fourteen meters in diameter, is being built. Construction materials, such as concrete, lime, steel wires and planks, are conveyed to this pit by means of the railway.
4. The Soviet twin engine bombers which were previously reported as located at the Babie Doly airfield belong to the Naval Air Division whose field number is J.W. - 2428/W. - Gdynia - 3. These planes are PE-2's, of which there are fourteen at Babie Doly. This Soviet naval air group is entirely independent of the 3rd Aviation Regiment, also stationed at Babie Doly, and is training naval pilots. It has its own radio company which is fully equipped. The commanding officer is Captain Rymsza.

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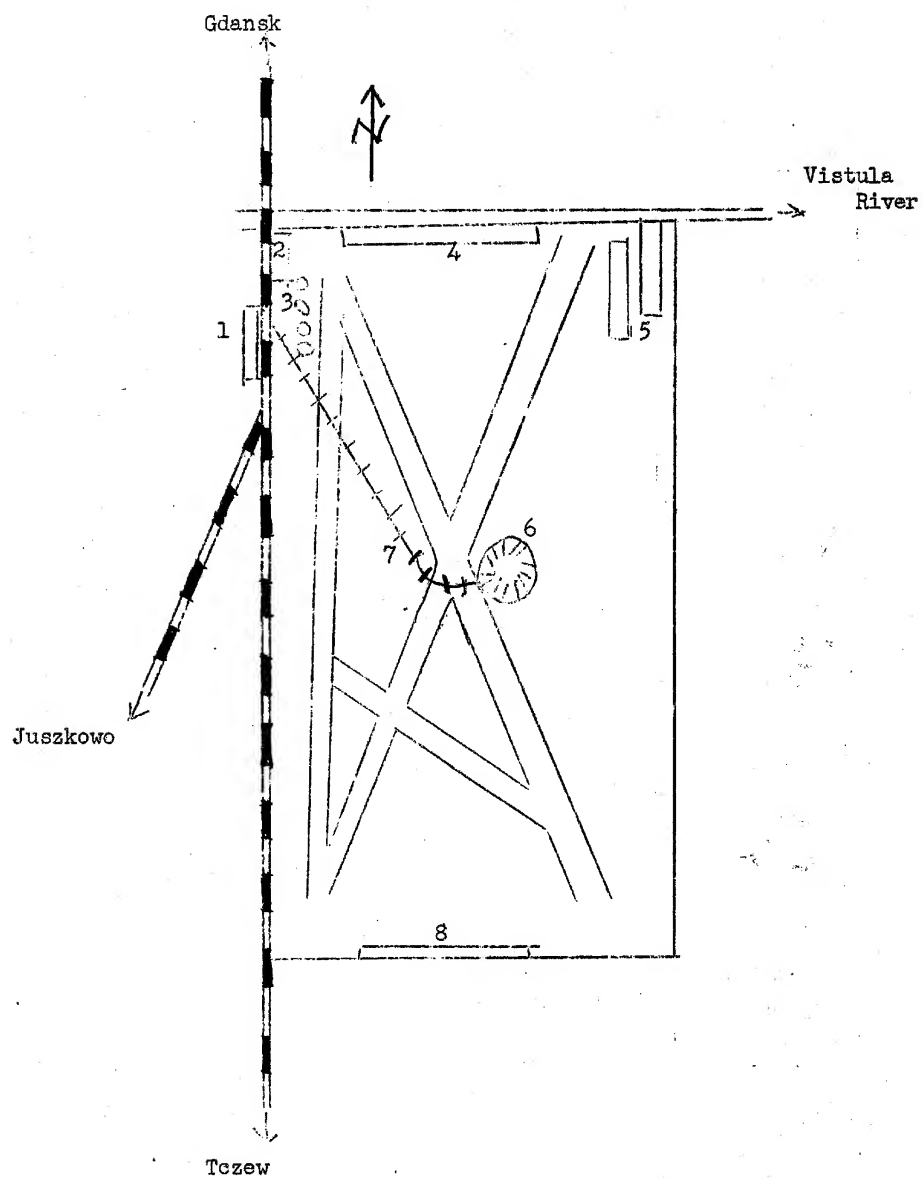
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Airfield at Pruszcz



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